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前 言

《大学英语四级听力模拟题集》是根据《大学英语教学大纲》的规定和要求,针对大学英语四级考试(CET-4)的考生进行设计的。其目的在于帮助学生进行专门的听力技能训练,提高学生的听力理解水平。为了提高学生动笔的实际能力,除保留原有的A节对话、B节短文以外,还增加了C节填空式听写(Spot Dictation),D节复合式听写(Compound Dictation)和E节复述式听写(Repeat Dictation)这三种新的听力题型。

本书最大的特点是题型新颖,内容广泛,既包括国内外的风土人情,传统性节假日的来历以及幽默小故事,又为学生提供了大量的实践练习,帮助学生提高应试能力,为顺利通过全国大学英语四级统考奠定基础。

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Listening Comprehension

TEST ONE

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A), B), C) and D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: A) At the office.

B) In the waiting room.

C) At the airport.

D) In a restaurant.

Sample Answer [A][B][C][D]

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they have to finish in the evening. This is most likely to have taken place at the office. Therefore, A) "At the office" is the best answer. You should choose answer [A] on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

1. A) The woman always talks to other men.
B) The woman wouldn't find the restaurant.
C) The woman started a conversation with a stranger.
D) The woman finished talking to the men.
2. A) The woman wants to see London, Rome, and Athens only.
B) The woman prefers to see only one city.
C) The woman wants to see everything in Europe.
D) The woman prefers to see every city.
3. A) The romance was coming along.
B) He hadn't asked the rock singer.
C) He hadn't heard about it.
D) The story wasn't true.
4. A) He turned off the tape recorder.
B) He listened to it.

- C) It was difficult to hear. D) It was good to hear.
5. A) He thinks it is better not to tell her the truth.
 B) It is serious.
 C) He really doesn't know if it is serious or not.
 D) He knows everything is serious.
6. A) On the first half of the book. B) On Chapter Fifteen.
 C) On the first chapter. D) On the first five chapter.
7. A) She has a driver's license. B) She has got some tickets for concert.
 C) She has been accepted at a college.
 D) She is going abroad.
8. A) On foot. B) By bus.
 C) By car. D) By train.
9. A) Three years ago. B) Last year.
 C) This year. D) During December.
10. A) An ashtray. B) Tea cups.
 C) Cigars. D) A table cloth.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Passage I

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) 34 hundred. B) 34 thousand.
 C) 34 million. D) 34 billion.
12. A) They can eat them in the restaurant.
 B) They can take them out and eat them at home.
 C) They can carry them to their tables themselves.
 D) All of the above.
13. A) Because the service is fast and the food is inexpensive.
 B) For the food is always the same.
 C) As the quality is more important.

D) 50 percent of children like hamburgers.

Passage II

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) Department stores. B) Downtown.
C) Drugstores. D) Grocery.
15. A) Near the countryside.
B) Only in the small towns.
C) On the main streets of residential areas.
D) Everywhere in North America.
16. A) Only cameras and books. B) Only vegetables and fruits.
C) Only clothes. D) Everything you can imagine.

Passage III

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard

17. A) An English colony.
B) An English explorer.
C) An English businessman.
D) An English fisherman.
18. A) Because he was going to start a colony.
B) He wanted to catch fish.
C) He decided to name places on the island.
D) He expected to sell supplies to the fishing boat.
19. A) In factories. B) In small coastal villages.
C) In colonies. D) In rich fishing areas.
20. A) They build ships on the island.
B) They sell paper to the people on the island.
C) They work in the modern paper industry.
D) They sell supplies.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear a passage of about 120 words three times. The passage is printed on your Answer Sheet with about 50 words missing. First, you will hear the whole passage from the beginning to the end just to get a general idea of it. Then, in the second

reading, you must write down the missing words you have just heard in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet. Finally, when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.

Our plan was to drive into Cambridge. (21) _____ Liverpool Street station, then to separate and meet again for lunch. (22) _____ Liverpool Street at 9 : 19, but (23) _____, the train had to move along so slowly that (24) _____ that it got there. (25) _____. Joan decided that (26) _____ the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London (27) _____. It was only after her sister (28) _____ that my wife realized that we hadn't decided where we should meet her for lunch. Since I had our three tickets for the concert in my pocket, (29) _____. There seemed to be nothing we could do except take a taxi to the Tower of London, and (30) _____. Needless to say, we didn't find her.

Section D

Compound Dictation

Directions: In this section, you will hear a passage three times. When the passage is read for the first time, you should listen carefully for its general idea. Then listen to the passage again. When the passage is read for the second time, you are required to fill in the blanks numbered from S1 to S7 with the exact words you have just heard. For blanks numbered from S8 to S10 you are required to fill in the missing information. You can either use the exact words you have just heard or write down the main points in your own words. Finally, when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.

The American colonists often quarrelled with the British (S1) _____. They had to (S2) _____ British goods and they had to pay (S3) _____ to British. In 1767 Britain put (S4) _____ duty on many goods, such as tea. The Government should have known this would cause (S5) _____. In 1773 some Americans dressed as Red (S6) _____ went on to some British ships in Boston and threw \$ 18,000 worth of tea into the sea. This was the (S7) _____ " Boston Tea Party". The British Government closed the port of Boston.

(S8)

_____. During the war, on 4th July 1776, the American Congress drew up the Declaration of Independence. Later, (S9)

_____. The British fleet surrendered in 1781 and the Government did not continue the war. (S10) _____. In 1789 George Washington became the first president of the country.

Section E

Repeat Dictation

Directions: In this section, you will hear a passage three times. When the passage is read for the first time, you should listen carefully for its general idea. Then listen to the passage again. When the passage is read for the second time, you are required to write the passage. You can either use the exact words you have just heard or write down the passage in your own words. Finally when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.

TEST TWO

Section A

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| 1. A) She feels a little sick. | B) She never likes to go to parties. |
| C) She doesn't want to go. | D) She was ill. |
| 2. A) She was going out. | B) She was yelling at the man. |
| C) She was checking into a hotel. | D) She was doing things. |

3. A) He calmed down immediately. B) He didn't care.
C) He was not angry. D) He became extremely angry.
4. A) All of them disagreed with him. B) Some of them disagreed with him.
C) There was no reaction. D) There was no response.
5. A) He wanted to scream but controlled himself.
B) He wanted to control himself but couldn't.
C) He exploded. D) He had his head broken.
6. A) Peter didn't go to Mr. Johnson's class.
B) Peter found a hat in Mr. Johnson's class.
C) Peter hasn't found Mr. Johnson's hat yet.
D) Peter lost a hat in Mr. Johnson's class.
7. A) Most of them liked it because it was so tall.
B) They wanted something taller than 300 meters.
C) It bothered their sense of beauty.
D) Nobody liked it.
8. A) The doctor was lying on the couch.
B) The doctor was talking all the time.
C) The patient was nervous because the doctor didn't say anything.
D) The patient understood what the doctor said.
9. A) He was not very worried.
B) It was so terrible that he couldn't sleep.
C) He already lost a lot of sleep over it.
D) He was uncomfortable.
10. A) It didn't bother him. B) He became very upset.
C) He asked her for a divorce. D) He found it was very interesting.

Section B

Passage I

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) City people think country people are very rich.
B) City people think country people are smart.
C) City people think they are a lot smarter than country people.
D) City people think country people are much cleverer.
12. A) Because it is about different countries.
B) Because it is about World War II.

- C) Because it is about the world.
- D) Because it is about human feelings and events.
- 13. A) From the Appalachian Mountains and the West.
- B) In the Northeast and Midwest.
- C) In the South and Northeast.
- D) From factories and army camps.

Passage I

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 14. A) Feeling.
- B) Language.
- C) Thought.
- D) Hobbies.
- 15. A) A system of sounds, words, word order and grammar.
- B) Structure, grammar, sentences and idioms.
- C) Sounds, words, idioms and vocabulary.
- D) Vocabularies, sentences, grammar and idioms.
- 16. A) They had residential grammar.
- B) They had imaginable grammar.
- C) They had complicated grammar.
- D) They had limited grammar.

Passage III

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you've just heard.

- 17. A) It is a bush.
- B) It is a tall plant.
- C) It is a tree.
- D) It is a hard plant.
- 18. A) Only on experimental farm.
- B) Only in Arizona, California and Mexico.
- C) On poor land if it has a lot of water.
- D) On fertile fields with very little water.
- 19. A) Seed.
- B) Root.
- C) Leaf.
- D) Fruit.
- 20. A) Indians in Arizona.
- B) People in the whole United States.
- C) Farmers in Africa.
- D) Farmers all over the world.

Section C

When we think of communication, we normally think of (21) _____, writing messages and so on. But in fact we (22) _____. (23) _____ tell the truth even when our words do not.

Section D

Section E

TEST THREE

Section A

1. A) It doesn't bother them at all. B) They don't want to discuss it.
C) They would say it's impossible. D) They can live with it.
2. A) She became depressed. B) She was extremely angry.
C) She was able to accept it. D) She refused to get it.
3. A) He will not stop being a back-seat driver.
B) He won't stand for any back-seat drivers in the car.
C) He wanted to be a back-seat driver.
D) He will stop being a back-seat driver if the woman is more polite with him.
4. A) Her husband doesn't want to discuss it.
B) Her husband will lose control during the fight.
C) She will not feel better after discussing it.
D) He will be under his control in the fight.
5. A) He has been in a bad mood since he got up.
B) The weather affected him.
C) He doesn't like to talk to people.
D) He doesn't ask anyone.
6. A) The United States. B) Poland.
C) Argentina. D) U. S. A.
7. A) She can appeal.
B) There is nothing she can do.
C) It isn't necessary because she can stay here and finish her education.
D) She has no right to appeal.
8. A) It will be hard for him forever. B) It will be hard in the beginning.
C) He doesn't like the Middle East. D) He likes the place he lived before.
9. A) He is still waiting for an answer.
B) He just got an answer.
C) He is going to get on a bus.
D) He is going to apply for permanent resident status.
10. A) A secretary. B) A military dictatorship.
C) A communist country. D) A democracy.

Section B

Passage I

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) From the seeds of the plants.
B) From plants died millions of years ago.
C) From the leaves of the plants.
D) From the roots of the plants.
12. A) 55 barrels.
B) 45 barrels.
C) 75 barrels.
D) 65 barrels.
13. A) Scientists in different countries work together to find new uses for plants.
B) The United States will provide for all its energy needs from plants.
C) The development of new uses for plants often has other good effects too.
D) Someday scientists will find other plants with new uses.

Passage II

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) 355. 000. B) 300. 000.
C) 350. 000. D) 250. 000.
15. A) Corn, wheat and rice. B) Soybeans and wheat.
C) Beans and rice. D) Corn and soybeans.
16. A) Corn. B) Rice.
C) Wheat. D) Beans.

Passage III

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A) Near the Canadian border. B) Close to nature.
C) In national parts. D) Near farmlands.
18. A) They killed the animals and cut the forests.
B) They burned forests.
C) They killed all people in North America.
D) They took away the rich topsoil.
19. A) About their grandchildren's life.
B) About their farming.
C) About their living conditions.
D) About their grandchildren who would never see those natural wonders.
20. A) In North America. B) In Canada.

C) In Wyoming.

D) In Alberta.

Section C

(21) _____ about nine out of ten are right-handed. Until recently, (22) _____ strange, and left-handed children were encouraged (23) _____. Today left-handedness is generally accepted, but (24) _____ in a world where most people are right-handed. For example, (25) _____ (scissors, tin-openers, etc) are still designed for right-handed people.

In sports, by contrast, (26) _____ (or left foot) is often an advantage. (27) _____ from the "wrong" side may disconcert opponents (28) _____ to dealing with right-handed players. This is why, (29) _____, the proportion of players who are left-handed is higher than (30) _____.

Section D

Who is better at predicting earthquakes: (S1) _____ or scientists with the instruments? (S2) _____ collected so far (S3) _____ that an (S4) _____ animal — a dog, a (S5) _____, a pig — may give as (S6) _____ a warning of an (S7) _____ earthquake as the scientists. In 1979, 200 instruments failed to (S8) _____ that shook buildings in San Francisco, 78 miles away. But in 1974 (S9) _____. The Chinese noticed these and other signs and removed people from the place before the quake struck, thereby saving several hundred thousand lives.

In the past few years, (S10) _____. Many nations now have animals sense so that instruments can be built to detect the same signals.

Section E

TEST FOUR

Section A

1. A) His wife is a spy. B) His wife has another man.
C) His wife likes to dance. D) His wife wants to smoke.
2. A) He left his country and then tried to go back.
B) He was a spy in the Soviet Union.
C) He would not leave the Soviet Union.
D) He would go back to the United States.
3. A) The woman wanted to keep everything.
B) They had enough suitcases to carry everything.
C) The woman had to keep everything with her.
D) The woman's husband wanted to keep everything.
4. A) In Canada. B) On a trip.
C) In their homeland. D) In the U. S.
5. A) Antiques and jewelry. B) Jewelry and handicrafts.
C) Antiques, jewelry, handicrafts. D) Handicrafts.
6. A) Nobody wants to offer the man a job.
B) The man is a permanent resident.
C) The man can't work because of his visa.
D) The man is allowed to work.
7. A) In the West. B) In Siberia.
C) In Moscow. D) In Italy.
8. A) He was fired.
B) He became the best salesman.
C) He did not sign the petition and was fired.
D) He was a good salesman.
9. A) He was forced out by his government.